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SUBJ: DFA FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO'S COMMENTS ON RECOGNIZING  
NORTH KOREA

1. ON HIS ARRIVAL IN SEOUL ON VISIT TO RECEIVE HIS 75TH  
HONORARY DEGREE AUG 5, FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO IS REPORTED  
BY UPI TO HAVE TOLD PRESS AND WELCOMING SOUTH KOREAN  
FOREIGN MINISTER THAT QUOTE I DO NOT ENVISAGE IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE RECOGNITION OF THE PYONGYANG REGIME. END QUOTE.  
PRESS ACCOUNTS ALSO REPORT ROMULO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR  
SOUTH KOREA'S FORMULA TO ADMIT BOTH KOREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY  
INTO THE UNITED NATIONS.

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2. COMMENT: AT BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR THE PHILIPPINES HAD GIVEN VERY STRONG INDICATIONS IT WAS MOVING TOWARDS RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY WAS GIVEN FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO ATTEMPT TO SEEK REASSURANCES TO CONTRARY. ASSUMING THAT REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO GENERAL ROMULO ARE CORRECT, AND WE BELIEVE THEY ARE BOTH CORRECT AND DELIBERATE, THE SOUTH KOREANS MUST BE DELIGHTED AT PUBLIC ASSURANCES GIVEN BY HIM. WE WOULD NOT INTERPRET HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER, AS SUGGESTING GOP HAS GIVEN UP IDEA OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. IT IS MORE LIKELY GOP HAS TEMPORARILY SLOWED DOWN ITS ASIAN COMMUNIST RECOGNITION PACE WHILE IT FOCUSES ON MORE CENTRAL ISSUE OF RELATIONS WITH PRC. FRIENDLY, WELL PUBLICIZED VISIT HAS ALSO GIVEN ROMULO OCCASION TO REPEAT OLD THEME OF ASIAN SOLUTIONS FOR ASIAN PROBLEMS, A TIMELY REMARK VIEW BOTH KOREA AND PHILIPPINE DIFFICULTIES ON POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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